

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Pet Shop Ordinance

DATE OF MEETING: September 9, 2025

Work
Session/Regular
Session

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Pet Shop Ordinance

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The overpopulation of pets in Lowndes County has led to euthanasia numbers being higher than acceptable for quite some time. Overpopulation is a direct result of the lack of spay/neuter occurring in Lowndes County.

Local rescues, individuals willing to foster pets, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Humane Society, regional partners and other volunteers work closely with Animal Services staff to find homes for a never-ending flow of homeless pets taken in at the Lowndes County Animal Shelter. The allowance of the retail sale of unaltered pets by pet stores will further contribute to an ongoing issue that has both a financial and emotional cost to Lowndes County citizens.

OPTIONS: 1. Adopt
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Paige Dukes

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: